Renovation of Temples at Bhubaneshwar

3526. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of thousand temples that once existed in Bhubaneshwar which is popularly called as Mandir Malini, a place garlanded by temples, only 300 of. them: survive today and others have been damaged because of the town coming up ane the renovation work not being done in the temples;

(b) whether it is a fact that the relics cf Indian Culture and Architecture are perishing in the process; and

(c) if so, 'what action Government have taken to renovate these temples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SA HI): (a, and (b) Although Bhuba neshwar is known to be a, city of temples, the exact number of temples that once existed there have not been recorded in authentic terms with pro per documentation. The most si cant of the ancient temp' around Bhubane. numbering twenty-eight have been protected by as monu ments of National These are being properly ding on their needs of he res- ponsil to conserve nonument protected by them. ' ion of reservation and upl numenif has tO be examined keeping in view their structural and artistic merits and their state of preservation by interested parties, local bodies and State authorities.

(c) Does not arise.

Use of Hindi in Foreign Countries

3527. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Wiil the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state to what extent the use of Hindi in the foreign countries is likely to be boosted during the re-maining period of the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl KRISHNA SAHI): At present. 50 scholarships to the students of different foreign countries for study in Hindi are awarded and the selected candidates are paid scholarships as also the air fare to come to India for learning of Hindi. Hindi teachers are appointed at Surinam. Guyana and Trinidad for teaching of Hindi. Two part-time Hindi teachers are working in Sri Lanka.

The project 'for production and publication of Hindi-All U.N.O. Language Dictionary is being implemented and under Cultural Exchange Programme. German-Hindi and Czech-Hind; dictionaries in addition to the e Hindi, Hindi-Hungarian and Hindi-Russian conversational guides are under preparation. Hindi version for UNESCO Courier is being brought out In addition, free Hindi books are fo Indian missions abroad and voluntary organisations engag-Ihe propagation of Hindi. These ies will be vigorously imple-the current Five Year Plan.

Lower Acceptance of Family Planning Norms by Certain Communities

. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a survey conducted by Government it has been led that the acceptance of the family planning norms among certain communities in the country is relatively much lower than the national level of acceptance;